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SUBJECT: IFES PLANS SECOND TRIP WITH SUPREME ELECTORAL
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11. (SBU) International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) Country Director Jeffrey Carlson told us September 15 there is a good chance that IFES will lead a trip with four members of Egypt's Supreme Electoral Commission (SEC) in October to India, where SEC members would meet with Indian counterparts on a program similar to the SEC's visit to Poland in June (reftel). (Comment: The SEC's decision to participate in this subsequent trip is a further breakthrough for IFES in its effort to engage with this key electoral body, and is testament to IFES' low-key, confidence-building approach through Egyptian partners. End comment.)

12. (SBU) Carlson also said that IFES is exploring the provision of a specialized electoral training module to the Interior Ministry in October, and plans to work with Cairo University on developing technical assistance programs for upcoming elections. Carlson told us that IFES intends to pursue voter education training among syndicates and unions, and through its website "Aswatna," ("Our Votes") which is not formally identified as an IFES website.
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